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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Provisional Application of: Alicja Borysowicz, et al. RECEIVED CENTRAL FAX CENTER

Application No.: 09/343,684

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Examiner: S. Vincent

For: APPARATUS FOR CONTROLLING GLASS MELTING AND/OR REFINING

FURNACES

## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

MS Non-Fee Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

## INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Preliminary to the examination of the present RCE application, please amend the present application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.